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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. Prior to 25 October, the Schlieffen Kaserne in Stahnsdorf was still occupied by 200 to 250 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. The strength of troops increased until 4 November. Between 25 October and 4 November, reconstruction work at the installation was continued. On 25 October, about 200 trained soldiers marched from the barracks installation to the athletic field north of the billeting area. The troops included unusually many officers. [REDACTED]

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2. Prior to 25 October, no activity was noticed at the Ludendorff Kaserne. Only some of the windows in the buildings, which appeared to have been vacant, were lighted. The barracks gates were closed. Sentries wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. The occupation by troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia of the installation gradually increased until 4 November. The number of troops could not be determined. No major units were seen entering the installation. However, source observed that, after dusk, individual vehicles or small columns occupied by troops moved toward the barracks installation. On 3 and 4 November, the barracks gates were open and there was intensive traffic of personnel between the individual buildings. No routine activity was noticed. All quarters were lighted on the evening of 4 November.

3. Between 25 October and 4 November, observations similar to those made at the Ludendorff Kaserne were made at the Siegfeld Kaserne. An undetermined number of troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia were observed. On 29 October, about 120 soldiers were seen in the barracks yard. On 3 November, several trucks occupied by troops were seen entering the installation. [REDACTED]

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4. The troops observed at the Stahnsdorf post seemed to have been trained personnel. Many of them wore war decorations and most of the troops were of older classes.

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6. On 27 October, source determined in Teltow that the Soviet komendatura vacated two large buildings and garages which were guarded by Volkspolizei sentries the following day. Vehicles with billeting equipment of the komendatura were later seen at the Schlieffen Kaserne in Stahnsdorf. The billeting equipment was trucked to two buildings of the barracks installation on the west side of Heinrich Zille Strasse. The fence surrounding the two buildings was mended and extended toward the railroad line.

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